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CITY OF ROY

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# ROY ROUND-UP

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*Happy Holidays*



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*Please come join us at our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony!  
Santa will be visiting from the North Pole. Enjoy some Hot Chocolate &  
Apple Cider. December 8th Starts at 6 PM, lighting will be at 7 PM*

*Roy Community Center 122 3rd St, Roy*

*We are asking for volunteers, please call City Hall if you would like to  
participate.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS, EVENTS OR SUGGESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL

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# HISTORY

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While the increased traffic may have been good for business in Roy, the heavy use of the line facilitated a need to improve railroad operations, and NP began looking for other more efficient routes to get trains into Tacoma. The goal was to have the line from double tracked, straightened, and reduced in gradient. The same had already been completed on the Kalama-Portland segment in 1909. Since a portion of the "Prairie Line" south of Tacoma contained 2.2 miles of 2.2% grade, the NP desired a much flatter grade into Tacoma. The new line was to diverge at Tenino, follow the grade of the NP-owned Port Townsend Southern Olympia branch for six miles to Plumb, and then head northeast toward Nisqually and Steilcoom. The line would then follow the Sound to Point Defiance, entered a tunnel at Ruston to the Commencement Bay side of the Point, then turned south into Tacoma.

Since the new line was at water level and contained no grades to speak of (.3% maximum), the NP did not complain about increasing the length of the Tenino-Tacoma segment from 39.18 to 43.71 miles. The line was completed with double track in December 1914 which corresponded with the opening of Tacoma's new Union Station.

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## EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- Council Meeting Monday Dec. 11th at 7:30 PM at City Hall ALL are welcome to attend. The second meeting of the month to be determined.
- Planning Commission Meeting Dec 19th, tentative.
- Nourish Food Bank-Calvary Baptist Church 9010 320th St S. Wednesdays 1-3 pm.
- Roy Lions Club meetings are every 3rd Tuesday 7 PM at the Roy Grange.
- Roy Grange Open House and cookies for Santa Dec. 17th. Look for details on Facebook Roy Grange 702

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## CITY UPDATES:

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We regretfully have to say goodbye to our Public Works Assistant, Theron. We will miss him but wish him the best in his new endeavors.

Parking enforcement at the BNSF property will begin once again in the near future. The Police dept. will give warnings and then issue citations if not in compliance.

Dog licenses/renewals are due by January 31st. Applications are included in the December water bill.

City Hall will be CLOSED on December 25th in observation of Christmas and January 1st for New Years.



*Quote of the Month*

*"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." .*

*—Chinese Proverb*